Dear Pearl,

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There wasn't too much I didn't go into when you called. My files on the Watergate Caper, meaning only new stuff since the arrests, are about 2 inches thick. There are some duplications of news stories. We have hoped for Lil to have time to go through this and separate out and put in chronological order a single set of stories and single set of my memos and instant-analyses. I think some of these may have important clues. If my hunch about demonstrations is correct, I've got relevant files of the past, where the CIA itself, not necessarily but not ruled out as directly involved in this case used such extremist revenchists, even a law suit on one case. The FBI reports I have on several of the characters are not all that hot, but they are official and give some cleansed versions of the official parts of some of the Cuban cats. I know more than I was able to say on the phone, more than I can ethically tell Rugaber if the remote event he asked here, and I know where to point him in some areas, but I doubt he or the Times will want anything to do with me and my experiences with them tell me the one dependable thing is if they pay for my time. Without this I have no interest in talking to them. Too many long-delayed things have now converged, and I can't spare uncompensated time from them. If this story lasts, as it may well, and if Lil finds time for putting the file in order, we can let you have existing dupes if you want. Short of a full confession, one of the more unlikely prospects, this story will last, the question in my mind being about the attention it will get. The real problem thus far is less than brilliance by the reporting. I quote you Rugaber's incompetence or insensitivity of covering-up in the graph on Alejandro I read to you. The defects are glaring. When to his knowledge Hunt had written (intelligence) career going back to the 50s he was used a quote from Alejandro <u>beginning</u> in 1971, which limits knowledge of Hunt to the period of his admitted White House employment? A cub would know and do better, I think. So you can understand the yellow is from jaundice, not fear. Hope you got decent compensation. Really glad to hear from you. Best of luck,